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SUBJECT: ITU: DISCUSSION OF ADMIN COUNCIL SLATES WITH

SECRETARY GENERAL AND DEPUTY SYG

1. ON MAY 3, IN MEETING WITH US REP TO ITU COUNCIL PHILLIPS, SECRETARY GENERAL MILI PROPOSED FOLLOWING SLATES FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL SESSION:

CHAIRMAN: VENHAUS (FRG)

VICE CHAIRMAN: JIPGUEP (CAMEROON)

COMMITTEE 1 CHAIRMAN: HERNANDEZ (MEXICO)

COMMITTEE 1 VICE CHAIRMAN: KATONA KIS (HUNGARY)

COMMITTEE 2 CHAIRMAN: AOUD (MOROCCO)

COMMITTEE 2 VICE CHAIRMAN: WESTERN EUROPEAN

COMMITTEE 3 CHAIRMAN: PHILLIPS (USA)

COMMITTEE 3 VICE CHAIRMAN: SRIRANGAN (INDIA)

2. TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH FOREGOING SLATES ARE:

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A. WHETHER JIPGUEP WILL ACCEPT VICE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF COUNCIL, WHICH AUTOMATICALLY MAKES HIM CHAIRMAN IN
1979 OR WHETHER HE WILL INSIST ON CHAIRMANSHIP OF
COMMITTEE 3. IT IS TURN OF FRANCOPHONE SUB-SAHARAN
AFRICAN FOR COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMANSHIP AND SINCE HIGHLEVEL SENEGALESE REP HAS LEFT, THIS LEAVES ONLY JIPGUEP
AND ZAIRE REP MPEMBELE. MILI DOES NOT LIKE MPEMBELE,

BELIEVING HIM AN IMPETUOUS LIGHTWEIGHT (A VIEW WHICH MISSION DOES NOT SHARE) AND GREATLY PREFERS JIPGUEP.

- B. WHETHER WESTERN EUROPEANS WOULD AGREE TO ACCEPT VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE 2 INSTEAD OF CHAIRMANSHIP AND WHO THE EUROPEAN CANDIDATE WILL BE. IT HAD BEEN WIDELY THOUGHT THAT RAHBERG (SWEDEN) WOULD BE EUROPEAN REP, BUT IT NOW TURNS OUT HE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE FOR LAST TWO WEEKS. WHILE A VICE CHAIRMAN COULD GET BY WITH TWO WEEKS ATTENDANCE, A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENT THE FULL THREE WEEKS.
- 3. DEPUTY SYG BUTLER RAISED ANOTHER PROBLEM. THE SOVIETS, HE NOTED, HAD PROPOSED HUNGARIAN REP KATONA KIS AS EASTERN EUROPEAN VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE 1. BUTLER IS VERY UNEASY ABOUT THIS, SINCE KATONA KIS SERVED AS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IN 1976 AND NEXT TIME IT IS EASTERN EUROPE'S TURN, IN 1981, HE FELT THAT CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD GO TO ROMANIANS. UNLESS THE ROMANIAN REP HAD A VICE CHAIRMANSHIP IN INTERIM, BUTLER FELT HE WOULD BE TOO INEXPERIENCED TO MAKE EFFECTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN. U.S. REP ADVISED BUTLER THAT WE REGARDED THIS AS A MATTER OF AREA CHOICE, THAT IT WAS UP TO EASTERN EUROPEANS TO DECIDE ON OWN CANDIDATES AND THAT U.S. WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

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4. FOR BONN: U.S. REP PHILLIPS REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY RELAY CONTENTS OF PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE TO FRG REP VENHAUS AND OBTAIN HIS VIEWS. IN PARTICULAR, HAS VENHAUS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JIPGUEP ON VICE CHAIRMANSHIP AND ARE WESTERN EUROPEANS WILLING TO ACCEPT VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE 2? IF SO, WHO WILL SERVE? VANDEN HEUVEL

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